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Sustainable Employment to Scheduled Caste Population in Rural Areas
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that a large share of Scheduled Caste population in rural areas of the country still depends on manual casual labour for their livelihood;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to provide sustainable employment to the manual casual labourers including SC labourers during the last two years including the current year and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the number of persons belonging to SC community deriving their livelihood from agriculture farming State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh and Bihar?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Rural Development launched the Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) 2011 in the country to identify beneficiaries household with specific socio-economic characteristics across the country to determine eligibilities and entitlements for different Central Government Schemes. The process of the SECC 2011 has been concluded by the Ministry of Rural Development in March, 2016. Socio Economic and Caste Census 2011 captures respondent based information wherein 9.20 crore households out of 17.97 crore households in SECC 2011 have reported as households deriving major part of their income from manual casual labour for their livelihood, of which 2,23,08,739 households are from the SC households.

(c) & (d): For betterment of rural livelihoods and overall development of rural areas including persons belonging to SC community, the Ministry of Rural Development is implementing, through State Governments/UT Administrations, major programmes, namely, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) for wage employment, Deendayal Antodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) for self-employment through livelihoods promotion, Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana − Gramin (PMAY-G) for rural housing, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for rural connectivity and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) for social assistance to rural poor. The Ministry of Rural Development is using the SECC data for selection of beneficiaries under its programmes. As per the Socio Economic and Caste Census 2011, 6089826 nos. of households belonging to the SC community have reported deriving their livelihood from cultivation. Statement showing State/UT −wise details is given in Annexure.

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